



CLAIMS CLUES

July 2005

AHCCCS would like to clarify reimbursement for emergency ground transportation services. Transportation services are currently reimbursed one of three ways.

1. For ground ambulance providers whose rates are published in the Schedule of General Public Rates/Charges by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), the fee schedule amount for base, mileage, and wait time is 80% of the ambulance provider's ADHS published rate.
2. For ground ambulance providers whose rates are not published by ADHS, the fee schedule amount for base and mileage is set by AHCCCS and posted on the AHCCCS web site. Reimbursement is made at the lesser of the fee schedule amount or covered billed charges.
3. For other ambulance ground services including, but not limited to, oxygen and supplies for which no fee schedule amount has been set, reimbursement is made at the “BR” rate”, which is 80% of the provider's billed charges.

AHCCCS will begin accepting Category II code for performance measures on July 1st (See American Medical Association's CPT 2005). These codes are used in addition to Evaluation and Management coding for data collection regarding the quality of care by coding certain services and test results. They do not have relative value therefore do Category II codes as follows:

Composite Measures:

0001F Heart Failure assessed
0005F Osteoarthritis assessed

Patient Measurement:

0500F Initial prenatal care visit
0501F Prenatal flow sheet documented in medical record by first prenatal visit

0502F Subsequent prenatal care visit
0503F Postpartum care visit

Patient History:

1000F Tobacco use, smoking assessed
1001F Tobacco use, non-smoking assessed
1002F Anginal symptoms and level of activity assessed
1003F Level of activity assessed
1004F Clinical symptoms of volume overload (excess) assessed
1005F Asthma symptoms evaluated

- 1006F Osteoarthritis symptoms and functional status assessed
- 1007F Use of anti-inflammatory or analgesic over-the-counter (OTC) medications for symptom relief assessed
- 1008F Gastrointestinal and renal risk factors assessed for patients on prescribed or OTC non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)

Physical Exam:

- 2000F Blood pressure measured
- 2001F Weight recorded
- 2002F Clinical signs of volume overload (excess) assessed
- 2003F Auscultation of the heart performed
- 2004F Initial examination of the involved joint(s)

Diagnostic/Screening Processes or Results:

- 3000F Blood Pressure $\leq 140/90$ mm Hg
- 3001F Blood Pressure $> 140/90$ mm Hg

Therapeutic, Preventive, or Other Interventions:

- 4000F Tobacco use cessation intervention, counseling
- 4001F Tobacco use cessation intervention, pharmacologic therapy
- 4002F Statin therapy prescribed
- 4003F Patient education, written/oral, appropriate for patients with heart failure performed
- 4006F Beta-blocker therapy prescribed
- 4009F Angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor therapy prescribed
- 4011F Oral antiplatelet therapy prescribed
- 4012F Warfarin therapy prescribed

4014F Written discharge instructions provided to heart failure patients discharged home

4015F Persistent asthma, long term control medication

4016F Anti-inflammatory/analgesic agent prescribed

4017F Gastrointestinal prophylaxis for NSAID use prescribed

4018F Therapeutic exercise for the involved joint(s) instructed or physical or occupational therapy prescribed

CPT Category II Code Modifiers

1P Performance Measure Exclusion due to Medical Reasons

2P Performance Measure Exclusion due to Patient Choice

Please see the AMA website for complete description and detail of the codes:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/10616.html>

Effective September 1 2005, the AHCCCS allowable price(s) for Hemophilia Blood Clotting Factor medications will be significantly decreased. This decrease is the result of a single-source contract between AHCCCS and the Phoenix Children's Hospital Hemophilia Outpatient Enterprises ("PCH HOPE") program. Please reference the AHCCCS rates via our website for the effected medications and their new rate.

Always watch your children around water!

